GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4144
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2002
DAMAGE DUE TO HAILSTORM IN M.P.
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided by the Union Government to the Government of Madhya Pradesh to compensate the loss caused to certain rabi crops by hailstorm last year, district-wise;

(b) whether the financial assistance is quite meager as compared to the damage;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to increase the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertakeimmediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including hailstorm. For this purpose, there is ready availability of funds with the State under Calamity Relief Fund(CRF). The entire Central share of CRF for 2001-02 and 2002-03 has been released tothe State. Distribution of relief is the responsibility of the State Government. The items and norms of expenditure for assistance out of CRF provides for payment of input subsidy to small & marginal farmers where crop loss is 50% and above . Farmers are also entitled to compensation for damaged crops under the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS).